

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 HONG K 01511 110224Z

70

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EA-06 ISO-00 NEA-09 L-02 JUSE-00 CAB-02

CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00 DOTE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 FAA-00

SCCT-01 USSS-00 AID-05 SY-04 FBIE-00 /044 W

----- 101558

R 100942Z FEB 75

FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

SECSTATE WASHDC 3790

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE HONG KONG 1511

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPRS, PFOR, ETRD, TH, IN, HK

SUBJ: CIVAIR: SUSPECTED SABOTAGE

REFS: A) BANGKOK 2243 B) HONG KONG 1450

1. WITH RESPECT TO QUESTION RAISED IN PARA 2 REFTELA, WE BELIEVE AN APPROACH TO THE HKG WOULD NOT BE PRODUCTIVE. AS WAS MENTIONED IN REFTEL B, THE PENALTIES UNDER THE APPLICABLE LEGISLATION ARE LIGHT AND WHEN WEIGHED AGAINST THE COST OF EXTRADITION WOULD MAKE THE EXERCISE APPEAR MORE THAN FAINTLY RIDICULOUS. THIS IS NOT A REMOTE RISK. THE PRESS HAS BEEN GUNNING FOR THE AIRPORT SECURITY PERSONNEL EVER SINCE A NUMBER OF REPORTERS WERE FINED FOR THEIR OVERLY ZEALOUS COVERAGE OF THE DEPORTATION OF SOME ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM VIET-NAM.

2. MORE BASICALLY, THIS INCIDENT UNDERLINES THE INADEQUACY OF THE LEGAL UNDERPINNINGS FOR THE HK AIRPORT SECURITY SYSTEM. WE PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS ASPECT WITH HKG CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS AS PART OF OUR LONG-STANDING CONCERN TO UPGRADE AIRPORT SECURITY HERE.
CROSS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SABOTAGE, AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975HONGK01511
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750048-0837
From: HONG KONG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750258/aaaabzwe.tel
Line Count: 51
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 1
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 BANGKOK 2243, 75 HONG KONG 1450
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 JUL 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <14 NOV 2003 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CIVAIR: SUSPECTED SABOTAGE
TAGS: CPRS, PFOR, ETRD, TH, IN, HK, PANAM
To: BANGKOK STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006